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BUYING HOSIERY

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These points of hosiery selection apply to all stockings available on the market—whether they are of cotton, silk, wool, rayon and other synthetics, or mixtures of fibers.

"One of the most frequent reasons hose wear out too quickly is that the weight of stocking selected is not suited to its use," points out Margaret

Smith, specialist of the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Home Economics.

"Usually, it's because the stocking is too sheer for the heavy wear it must get.

"Easiest way to check the weight of a stocking is to put your hand inside it and judge by the looks and the feel. But it is often possible also to check the size of the yarn used in the stocking and the fineness of the knitting.

Stocking weight depends on both these factors. In silk stockings, for instance, size of the yarn is often given in the designations "two-thread" "three-thread" and so on. The higher the number of threads the stronger the yarn. Fineness of knitting is indicated by gage number. The higher this number, the finer the knitting.

"Stockings the right size also wear better. For most women, a stocking foot length should be 1/2-inch longer than the length of the foot. Stocking size is the length of the stocking foot in inches. Size 9 should be 9 inches long. Wool hose usually should be bought about one-half size larger than other hose, to allow for shrinkage.

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"Buy stockings the correct length--medium, short, or long--to save runs.

Medium hose are about 31 inches from heel to top; short, 28 inches; and long,
about 33 inches.

"Other points to check are the texture of the stocking, special finishes that may be applied to stockings to improve them in various ways, the ability of the stocking to stretch then snap back into shape, whether the stocking is full-fashioned or circular knit, how sturdy are the reinforcements at strategic points of stocking wear, and the general appearance of the hose."

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